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STUDENTS GOING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing help and assistance for students who are going abroad for pursuing their higher education;

(b) if so, the criteria fixed for giving assistance to such students;

(c) the number of students benefited by such assistance during the last three years and thereafter, till date; and

(d) the names of the courses for which the assistance was provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Human Resource Development have no scheme to provide financial assistance to students going abroad for higher studies. However, Ministry of Tribal Affairs as weii as Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment have separate schemes to provide scholarships to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Casts students respectively for higher studies abroad. Candidates below the age of 35 years having 60% marks in case of S.C. & 50% marks in case of S.T. in the qualifying degree examination along with prescribed experience (for Post Doctoral 5 years and for Ph.D and Masters level 2 years work experience in the concerned field) are eligible to apply for the scholarship subject to the condition that their monthly income does not exceed Rs.18:000/- from all sources.

(c) During the iast three years 14 Scheduled Castes students have availed scholarships (9) for Ph. D and 5 for Masters level courses) & during 2001 to 2003 five Scheduled Tribe students have availed Scholarships (2 for Masters & 3 for Ph. D).

(d) Under above mentioned schemes, scholarships are provided to SC/ST students for a large number of subjects in the field of Engineering, Technology and Science including Biotechnology/Genetic Engineering, Nano Technology,Plastic Technology, Optometry, Mechatronics, Nuclear Engineering, Laser Technology.